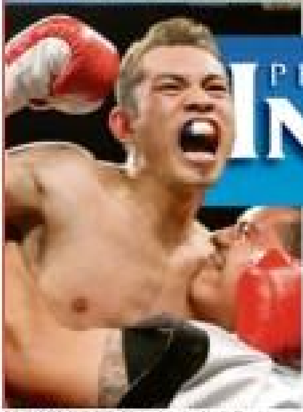
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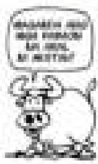
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VIRGINIA TORRES, chief of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), and 25 other LTO and police personnel are facing criminal and administrative charges for allegedly facilitating the registration of stolen vehicles, the Inquirer has learned.

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By Gil Cabacungan

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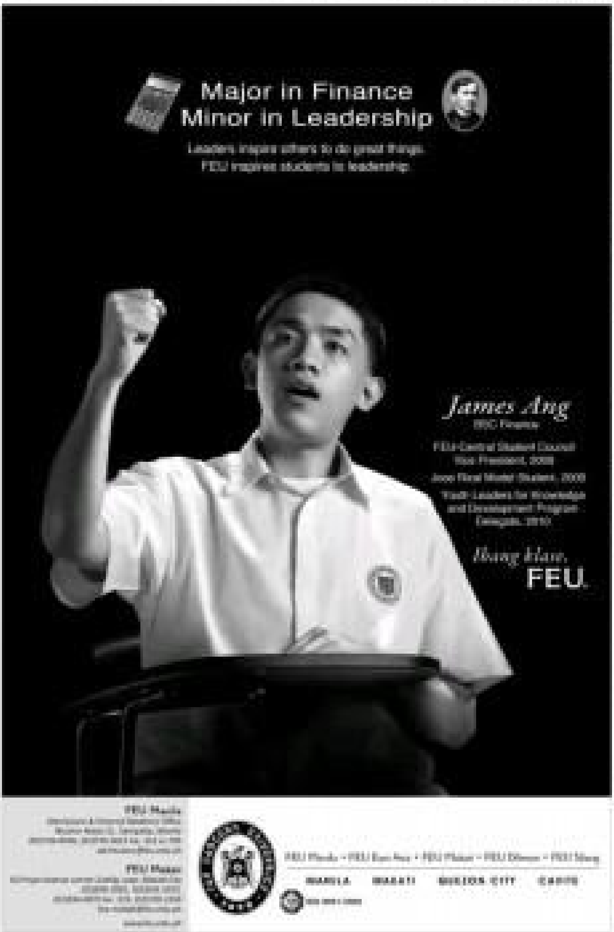





JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima views the skeletal remains of an apparent murder victim in Maguindanao.

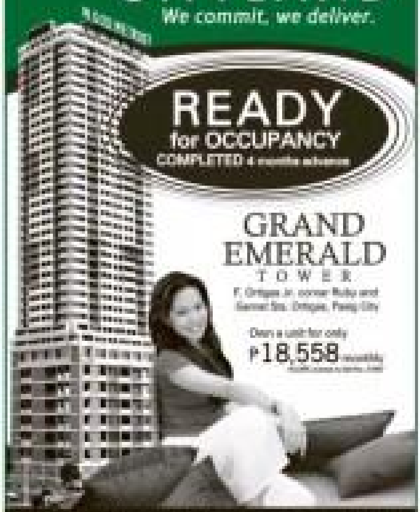


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Shrieking teenage fans pack Taylor Swift show

Red Cross seeks gift of blood

WITH ONLY two percent of Metro Manila residents donating blood, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) and life insurance company Philam Life have enjoined the public to "give someone the gift of another birthday" at a bloodletting on Feb. 23 at the Philam Life Makati office.

Last Friday, a bloodletting at the PhilAm Life UN Avenue office collected more than 50 bags for the PRC. Each 350-450 cc bag could help four patients, said PRC medical officer Dr. Marie Grace Alcala.

"We just need one percent of the population to donate to maintain the blood bank," Alcala said.

Blood donors must be 18-70 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs, have five hours' uninterrupted sleep and blood pressure of between 90/60 and 140/90.

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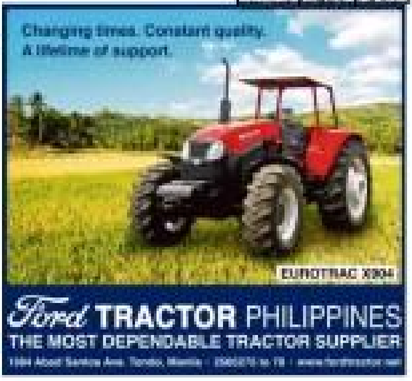
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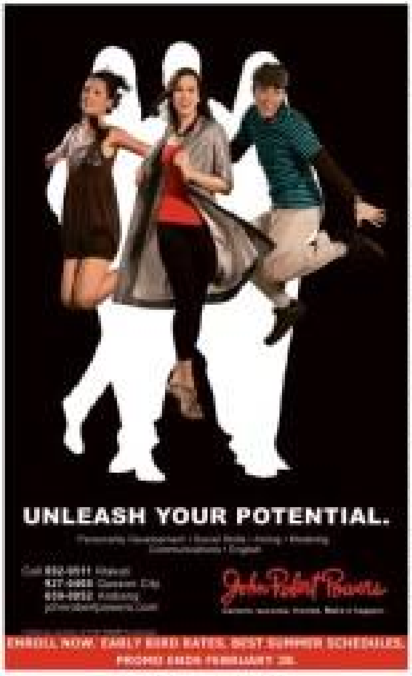
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Comelec prepares for ARMM polls

THE COMMISSION on Elections (Comelec) yesterday said it was preparing for automated elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in August but could opt for a manual balloting if its automation contractor failed to meet its requirements.

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Iloilo boat-sailing festival draws acclaim

ILOILO CITY—Iloilo's boat-sailing festival, the Paraw Regatta, [illegible]



The sailboats, with their colorful sails, prepare for the Paraw Regatta boat race at the Villa Beach in Iloilo City.



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Hunt on for gunman in BIR exec's slay

By Nika Cabrera

THE POLICE released yesterday photographs of the suspected gunman in last week's killing of a Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) official in Antipolo City in an effort to enlist the help of the public in finding him.

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Cop who beat up driver gets 8 years

By Nika Cabrera

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Libya snipers fire at protesters; 104 dead

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BEIRUT—Libyan security forces moved against protesters on Saturday in Benghazi, the country's second-largest city and the epicenter of the most serious challenge to four decades of Col. Moammar Gadhafi's rule, opposition leaders and residents said. The death toll rose to at least 104 people, most of them in Benghazi, Human Rights Watch reported.



LIBYAN leader Moammar Gadhafi watches a military parade behind bulletproof glass in Tripoli. AP

Got one? Royal wedding invites posted



PRINCE William and his fiancee Kate Middleton have invited around 1,900 guests to their hotly anticipated royal wedding. AP

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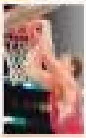
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LA CLIPPERS' Blake Griffin slam dunks over a car, with teammate Baron Davis inside, to top the All-Stars Slam Dunk contest. AP

Major revamp for PH Patriots

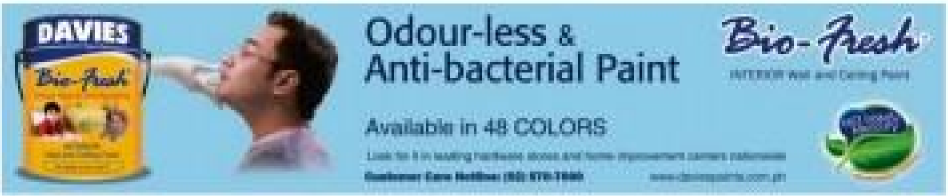


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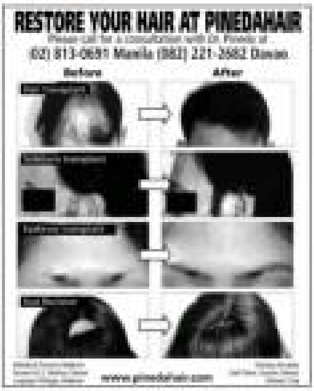
By Jasmine W. Payo

LOUIS ALAS' tenure as head coach ended just as the AirAsia Philippine Patriots painfully relinquished the Asean Basketball League championship to the Chang Thailand Slammers.

Alas finished his two-year contract last Saturday with the Philippine club team that's expected to undergo a major revamp this year.

"It's all on me ... it's still my responsibility," said Alas. "My con-

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RTU, SBCA top WNCAA sportsfest





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BSP says economy may repeat last year's feat

Tetangco shrugs off inflation concerns, sticks to forecast

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas still believes that the economy will attain its growth target this year despite concerns that the rate of rise in consumer prices appears to be accelerating.

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Upgrading the Capability of Broadcast Media

The KBP focuses on strengthening its local chapters, better coverage of events, and working on its corporate social responsibility

It's a different era for the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), the country's foremost broadcast media organization, as it focuses on elevating the capability of the broadcast media in the Philippines.

Since its inception 38 years ago in April 27, 1973, the KBP has spearheaded the upgrading of professional and ethical standards in the country. This year, it focuses on strengthening the KBP local chapters, improving the media people's capability to cover events (especially those with sensitive nature), and becoming more active in its corporate social responsibility.

"We have amended the broadcast code while at the same time holding seminars and workshops to ensure the people behind the broadcast industry continue to improve their skills," said Herman Basbaño, the KBP's newly elected chairman.

Last February 16, the new set of officers, including the new KBP President Ruperto Nicdao, Jr., who is also president of Manila Broadcasting Company, were inducted by Chief Justice Renato Corona at Dusit Hotel, Makati. Members of the KBP Standards Authority also took their oath.

Composed of owners and operators of radio and television stations, KBP has more than 140 network-members, which includes 299 AM radio stations, 401 FM radio stations, and 115 TV stations.

According to Basbaño, the KBP fully supports the digitalization of broadcast in the country, which is what's happening elsewhere in the world, because it provides better signal when transmitting. After studying the different models of digitalization—European, American, and Chinese, Basbaño said they had recommended the adoption of the Japanese model. As of the moment, the KBP is helping the government complete the implementing rules and regulations.

Aside from broadcast digitalization, the KBP is bent on improving the skills of the media practitioners in covering events, especially the sensitive ones.

Recently, several unfortunate events took place in the country, which "shocked the world." These incidents had forced KBP to really step forward and be involved to battle the situation.

Among these unfortunate events is the "Ampatuan, Maguindanao Massacre," in which journalists and broadcasters were mercilessly slain in Mindanao.

"That incident really shocked the world. As media practitioners, we had to come forward and help the government to flush out the perpetrators by taking the fact and leads from the public," said Basbaño, who before becoming KBP chairman was first secretary, then vice president, and then president.

Additionally, Basbaño was also tasked to join the Independent Commission Against Private Armies, created to help keep the last presidential election orderly and peaceful and in creating laws that would make illegal the formation of private armies in the country.

Another unfortunate incident that transpired in the last year was the hostage-taking of Hong Kong nationals, in which 8 were killed, last August. Many criticized the media coverage done during and after the hostage taking, saying the live feed from TV and radio stations were disadvantageous.

"We have to make sure no more lapses in media coverage will happen if and when sensitive events (such as the hostage taking) takes place again," he said.

To look deeper into the hostage taking tragedy, the national government created the Incident Investigation and Review Committee where President Benigno Aquino III appointed Basbaño to join the panel led by DoJ Secretary Leila de Lima. The KBP's participation in the IIRC ensures its impartiality and assures that the lessons from that tragedy will translate to more professional conduct by the broadcast media in the coverage of such sensitive events soon as it reinforces the KBP's adherence to self-regulation.

Basbaño also said KBP has been aggressive in its corporate social responsibility (CSR), especially in the tree-planting activity. KBP, he said, has planted more than 75,000 trees across the country, including Cagayan de Oro, Iloilo, Baguio and Batangas.

KBP has also launched the KBP Music Festival, a song composition contest, which promotes the Filipino talent in hopes of breathing new life to the local music industry. In this contest, entries will be uploaded on a website in which the public will be able to choose the winners.

"The KBP will also be supporting our athletes in the country, especially boxing and football," he said. "We are now airing sports advocacy plugs."

Basbaño said, "With so many things going on in the broadcast industry right now, people can only expect KBP to stay on its toes and keep on being relevant in today's changing times."



Herman Basbaño

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By Abigail L. Ho

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Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

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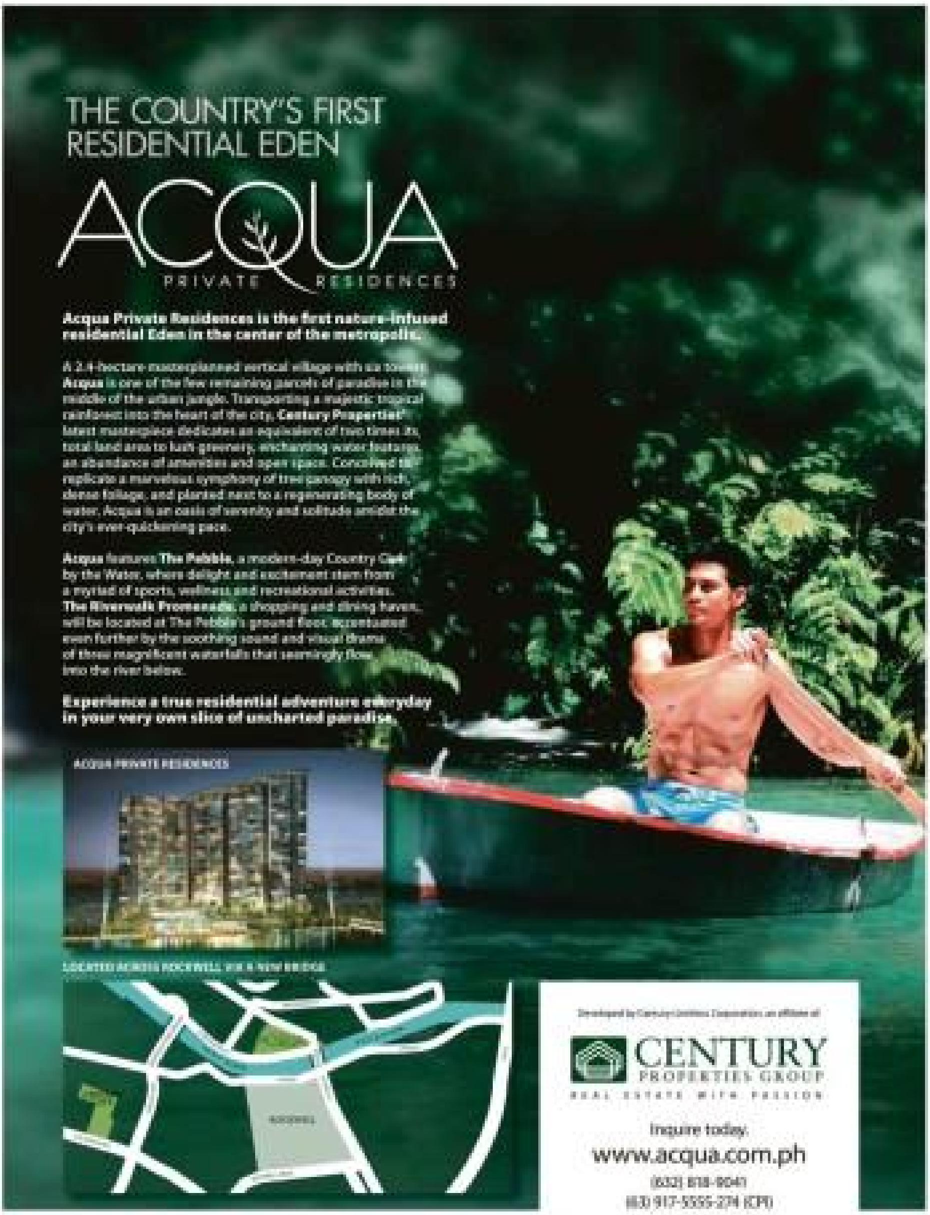
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CATHOLIC nuns form the first line of defense against Marcos troops on Edsa Boulevard.



FERDINAND Marcos wipes his brow during a campaign stop in Mindoro on Jan. 19, 1986.



PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino sits at her desk in a temporary office adjacent to the presidential palace two weeks after revolution.



IBA women line up to vote [illegible]

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"Looking Back: 1986 People Power at Edsa," a year-long exhibition series featuring items from the Aquino Museum in Tarlac, which is being renovated.

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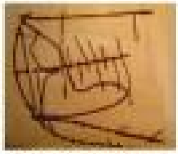
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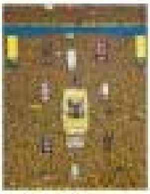


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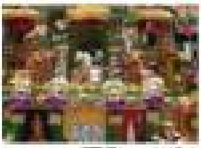
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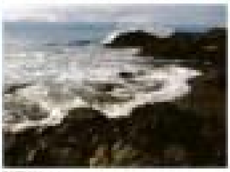
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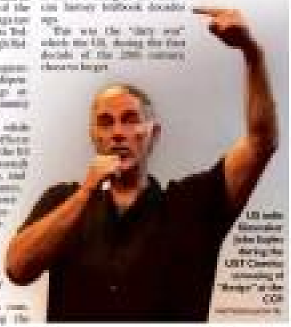
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JOHN SAYLES' 'AMIGO'

The 'dirty war' recalled





Ballet companies unite for Edna Vida



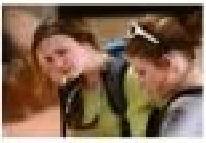
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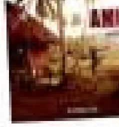
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The 'dirty war'. . .



27th 'Sampung Mga Daliri' at CCP



THE CULTURAL Center of the Philippines, in cooperation with the UST Symphony Orchestra, will present the 27th "Sampung Mga Daliri Ahp" at the CCP Main Theater on Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

An annual event of the UST Conservatory of Music, and in conjunction with the university's quadricentennial celebration, this uniquely special presentation features 10 grand pianos in performance, mostly in tandem with the other performing groups of the conservatory. These include the Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Rondalla, Guitar Ensemble, [illegible] Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble and the chorus. The various 10-piano groups consist of faculty, alumni and students of the conservatory.

Conducting the different ensembles are Herminigildo Ranera, Renato Lucas, Amel Villalobos, Ruben Reyes, Michael Jacinto, Ricardo Calalungan and Teresa Minano. The concert repertoire includes classical favorites—"Egmont Overture" by Ludwig van Beethoven, "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens, "Carmen Suites" by Georges Bizet, "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss Jr., "Malaguena [illegible]" by Ernesto Lecuona; Philippine melodies, "Bandanggahan" arranged by Augusto Espino, "Kay Ganda ng Ating Musika" by Ryan Cayabyab, "Kundiman" medley arranged by Raul Sunico, and popular hits from the '50s and '60s arranged by Ernil Morga. Lending special interest is the inclusion of the UST Quadricentennial song "Mary Visitation" by Gerry de Leon, as well as the grand finale with the 10-piano group, large chorus and orchestra from Aida of Giuseppe Verdi.

Tickets and information are available at the CCP box office (tel. no. 832-1125), UST Conservatory of Music office (tel. no. 711-4022) and Ticketworld outlets.

Bonifacio Choir at Balihai

THE ANDRES Bonifacio Concert Choir (ABCC), led by composer Jerry A. Dadap, sings Tagalog and Visayan love songs—plus songs about love of country—on Feb. 28, 8 p.m., at Balihai Garden Restaurant, [illegible] Avenue, Road [illegible], near McDonald's, Quezon City.



RICHARD Gough

British performance artist holds Philippine lecture tour

WALES-BASED PERFORMANCE artist Richard Gough is in the Philippines for a two-week lecture tour on theater and performance until March 2.

The main lecture, "Troubling Performance: From Theater to Performance and Back," will be a sharing of Gough's 30 years of experience as a performance-maker and academic working in the area of theater and performance studies. Gough will also be talking about media and communication as they relate to the arts and to performance.

Gough is professor of theater and performance in the Department of Theater, Film and Television Studies at Aberystwyth University, Wales, UK; artistic director of the Center for Performance Research; and general editor of Performance Research, the Routledge specialist journal on the performing arts. He was the founding president of Performance Studies International.

Gough's lecture tour schedule: Holy Name University in Tagbilaran (Feb. 21); Silliman University in Dumaguete (Feb. 22); Aquinas University of Legazpi in Bicol (Feb. 24); Lyceum Calamba and UP Los Baños in Laguna (Feb. 28); and De La Salle University (Feb. 28).

The lecture tour is being held under the auspices of the Aquinas University Center for Culture and the Arts in Legazpi City through the efforts of its director, [illegible].

For inquiries, e-mail [illegible] *or call (052) 481-3690.*

Ridgepointe Ballet stages 'Under the Sea'

THIS YEAR, Ridgepointe Ballet offers you another unforgettable dance performance from its student-artists in a series of mixed classical and contemporary dance pieces by Liza de la Fuente-Quintanilla, Kit Sanchez, Joanna Paz Castro and Bobby Lacaba featuring Liza de la Fuente's ballet adaptation of the all-time favorite Ariel, the little mermaid in "Under the Sea."

The production will have the special participation of Philippine Ballet Theater's Bobby Lacaba as Prince Eric.

The gala is set on March 5, 4 p.m., Henry Lee Irwin Theater, Ateneo de Manila Grade School.

E-mail ridgepointeballet@yahoo.com for more info and to inquire about Ridgepointe's summer dance workshops and regular ballet program at the Moro Lorenzo Sports Center, Ateneo de Manila, Ridgepointe Rd., QC.

Smart Gold brings back 'Double Deal' promo

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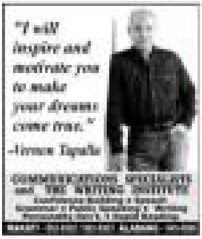


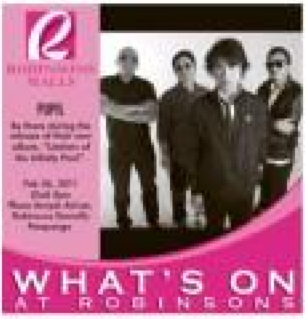
Rebirth of a nation?

The new book, 'Noynoy: Triumph of a People's Campaign,' makes a case for Edsa III

REVIEW



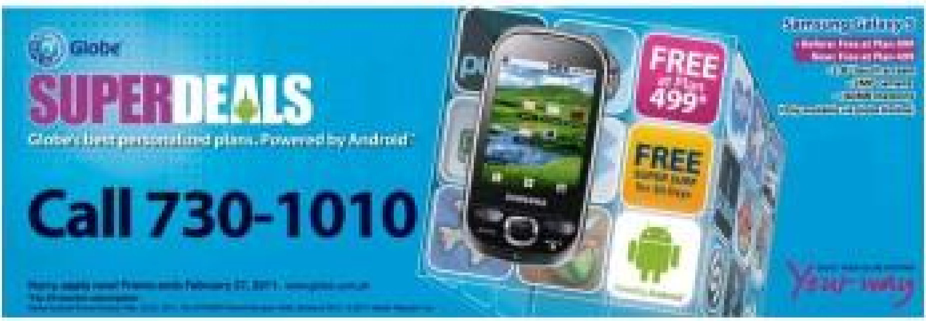




Metaphysical, emotional

PEN to hold book-club discussion on Mario Miclat's controversial bestseller

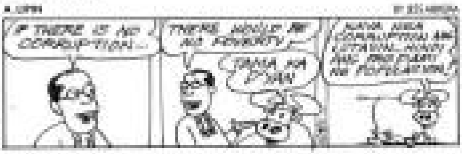




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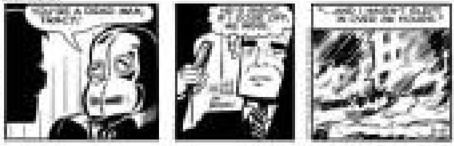
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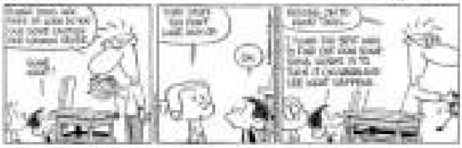
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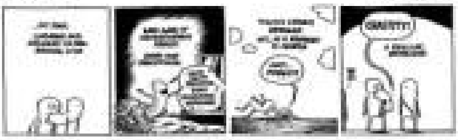
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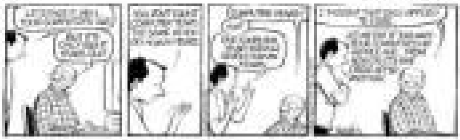
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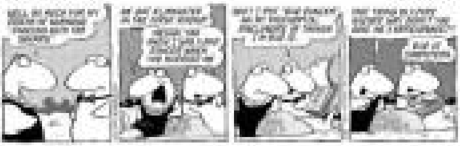


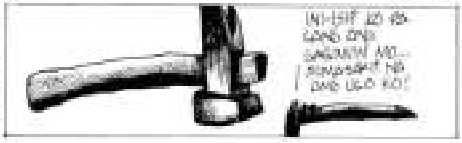
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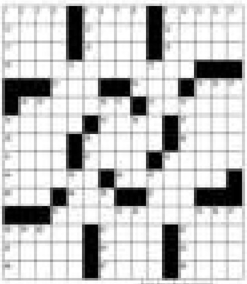
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Book on historic 1926 Madrid-Manila flight takes off

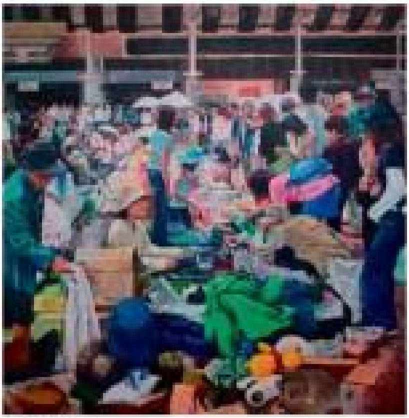




Rebirth of a nation?

DAVAO ARTIST BONG PEREZ

Return of the native



"FLEA Market"





THE ARTIST and his work "Indigent Life"

By Lito B. Zulueta

THERE'S SOMETHING celebratory about the exhibit of Davao artist "Bong" Perez at the CHSS exhibit hall of the University of the Philippines in Mindanao. It's the air of a homecoming.

Credo

Anguish



ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

CHEER FACTOR



Korina denies breakup talk



KORINA Sanchez: "So much in love."

Since late last year, rumors of a third party have been circulating



'Machine gun' Melai makes a lot of sense

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

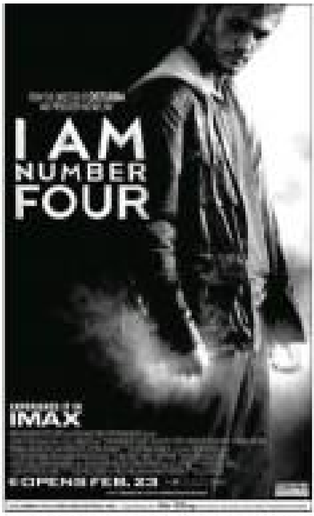
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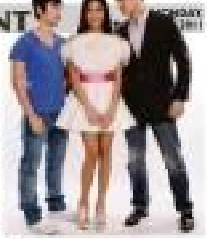
MELAI was an activist in her college days.

Mentality





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Machete's women



















TV5 24-hour news channel starts broadcast today

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Jim Gelos Pomasin

"TV5 has its own audience—definitely including those who like listening to commentaries and watching talk shows," TV5 president and CEO Ray Espinosa told Inquirer shortly before the media launch Friday night of AksyonTV, the network's 24-hour news and sports channel.

Espinosa said the network aims to "break boundaries" with nonstop delivery of news, not only via its UHF channel (41), but also with its news/talk station on FM radio (92.3 News FM Radyo Singko) and InterAksyon website.

"Our desire has always been to create a news and entertainment vehicle that will equip TV5 management with content platforms," said network chair Manuel V. Pangilinan during his welcome speech when Aksyon presented its plans at the SMX Tent in Taguig City. "The only missing piece so far is the international version, which we hope to launch by May in the United States and Canada."

AksyonTV 41, or Channel 29 in Davao and Cebu, officially begins broadcasting today. At the helm is TV5 News and Information head Luchi Cruz-Valdes, with broadcast journalist Martin Andanar as "the face of the network."

"This is a much delayed presentation," Espinosa said. "It took us some time to put this all together. When it comes to news and entertainment, it's really difficult to get a position... The industry has become very competitive, principally because of our entry. News is just the next off our strategy. We believe that giving fair and balanced news to the people is very important to nation building."

The other activity they would focus on in the coming months, Pangilinan said, is the production and propagation of sports in the Philippines. "When we launched our sports franchise a week ago," he added, "we promised to support not only basketball but other sports."

Billiards, tennis

For starters, AksyonTV will air "The Battle of the Maestros," the bouts of [illegible] and WBO Super Bantamweight champ Ana Julaton with No. 1 contender [illegible]. The bout is set in [illegible] on Feb. 26, and will be seen live on Channel 41.

"We are also airing the World 10-Ball Cup," said vice president and COO Bobby Barreiro. "In tennis, we will feature the Davis Cup." "Upcoming is the National Collegiate Billiards League (NCBL)," he added.

Public affairs bundles consist of "Alas Mate," with 2009 CNN Hero of the Year Efren Peñaflorida, and "Punch Me," with Joey Reyes, Aida [illegible] by Carlos Celdran and [illegible].

Former senator Richard "Dick" Gordon and broadcast journalist Jake Macasaet share hosting chores in "Bantay"; Chiqui Roa and Ronnie Principe anchor the sports program "AKTV."

Veteran journalist Ricardo "Pinky" [illegible] hosts "[illegible]," Cheri Mercado, "CNN Konek," and Andanar, "Andar ng mga Balita." [illegible] and [illegible] are behind the show "[illegible]."

[illegible] Grown journalism—a joint project with [illegible] news stories and video streaming. It has tied up with [illegible] for weather reports and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for traffic updates.

E-mail [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph



BIG Boss Manny "MVP" Pangilinan, right, welcomes Richard Gordon, co-host of "[illegible]" (with Jake Macasaet).



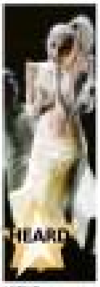
RAY Espinosa, president and CEO, says news has its own unique audience.



MARTIN Andanar, "the face of the network," with Amy Perez, who hosts the early morning show "Sapul sa Singko."



THE CompanY among the entertainers during the TV5 media launch on Friday



LADY Gaga

LOS ANGELES—Lady Gaga's secret for staying driven and getting her creative juices flowing: "I am in the drunk den," she told Sirius XM radio on Friday. "I live my life as I want to, creatively I like to drink whiskey and stuff while I am working. But the deal is I've got to work out every day and I work out hung over if I am hung over. And it's about the ... and keeping ... still inspired. I have to say, I do a ton of yoga." Reuters

Filipinos love superheroes



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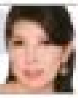
Dolly Anne Carvajal

No love loss

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Writer's block

LEARNING

Calling parents and teachers

Mentoring the mentors

How to teach beyond the 'chalk-talk' method

MORE and more Iloilo teachers are dropping the "chalk-talk" method of teaching and opting for dialogues with their students. And, instead of telling pupils to "copy the board," teachers are encouraging them to stand up and speak out, and to go outside the classrooms in search of more learning.





Teaching intangibles

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Assumption College's new breed of women leaders

CCP opens multimedia Techrooms

WMSU is MASCUF champ

The truth about the Tiger Mom





My Tiger Mom

Strength, not self-esteem

Second essay writing on energy launched

Partners in developing future leaders



Seminar on new SME financial reporting rules

How to teach beyond the 'chalk-talk' method



SILVER AND SWISS St. Scholastica's College Manila High School Class of 1986 members show off their school's Swatch watches and a giant replica of a check in the amount of P500,000 representing a donation from Swatch Philippines toward the creation of the Corazon C. Aquino Professorial Chair and Scholarship Fund. Swatch CEO Virgie Ramos and special projects manager Rochelle Palo (behind check) also Swatch marketing manager James Lucas are shown with class jubilarians (back row) Margie Antonio-Pacancianan, Patty Bolipinidio, Donna del Rosario Evangelista, Jasmine Jimenez-Jaskin, Olive Sto. Domingo, Jeri Dusol, Jenny Cruz Mendez, Elaine Sant-Rubing, Cherie de Leon, Tina Pena, Becky Molina Antonio, Isabel Lorenzo, Coco dela Cruz Raymundo, Agnes Tirona-Remollo, (middle row) Ana Lee, Wanda Santos-Santo, Victoria Lopez-Bilangco, (front) Jamila Olizanges-Diaz, Sharon Barro, Myla Munoz-Horn, Rose Villa Domingo, AC Luguette, Myra Castillo, Christina Enriquez Luna and Maria Amaro Tan.

AIM homecoming on Feb. 24

ALUMNI OF THE ASIAN Institute of Management (AIM) will have a homecoming on Feb. 24 at the school campus.

AIM Milestones 2011 is organized by MBM class 1991 and has for its theme "Nay Rage sa AIM? Taco Na!"

The event starts at 6 p.m. Jubilarians are 1961 (Ruby), 1976 (Jade), 1981 (Pearl) and 1986 (Silver). Host classes are 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006.

Featured performers are Willie Nepomuceno and Bituin Escalante.

The homecoming will benefit the AIM Alumni Student Loan Fund. Platinum sponsors are IBM/Cambiasso Partnership, Metrobank Holdings Inc. and Microsoft Philippines. Gold sponsors are The Alumni Association of AIM, The Federation of AIM Alumni Associations, AIM Conference Center Manila and Cafe Blanche, Damill Plans, Manila Broadcasting Co., East West Bank and MM batch of 2001.

Call the AIM Alumni Relations Office at 8924011 local 247 or 248, 7506677 or e-mail alumni@aim.edu.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR EDUCATORS Former health secretary Dr. Jaime Z. Galvez-Tan spoke on the 11 steps to health, happiness and wellness for educators at the 14th general assembly of the Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education (FUSE). He offered advice on how to live to 100 years. L-R: Emelina Vicencio, College of Education dean, University of the East; Alumni; former education secretary Fe Hidalgo; University of the Philippines professor emeritus Dionisio Reis; Tan; Sorsogon Rep. Salvador H. Escudero III, FUSE president; Galvez-Tan; Miriam College professor emeritus Milagros Ibe; Chiang Kai Shek College president Bee Ching Ong-Kian Koc; and Wyona Natalingbay, chemistry department chair, De La Salle University.

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BALLET and other arts programs help develop creative individuals.

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